

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hiroshi Itahara  
Appln. No. : 10/598,617  
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Title : SYNCHRONOUS FOLLOW-UP APPARATUS AND SYNCHRONOUS  
FOLLOW-UP METHOD  
  
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Examiner : Vincent Tran  
  
Customer No. : 00116  
Docket No. : NGB-41084

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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 29, 2008 (Paper No. 20080107). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 29, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.